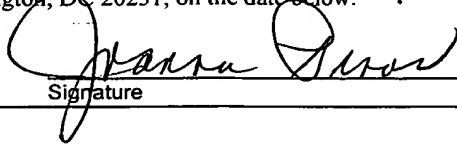




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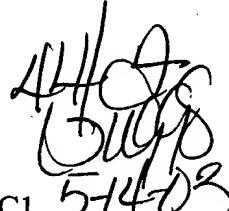
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, for which the three-month date for response was February 28, 2003. Applicants have enclosed a petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, two (2) months, from February 28 to April 29, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.